

Wisconsin Farm to School

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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General Updates

Receive Technical Assistance to buy, sell local foods

Producers selling local foods can now qualify for up to \$3,000 for one-on-one technical assistance. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) also encourages schools, distributors, aggregators and food hubs purchasing local foods to utilize this technical assistance.

Any Wisconsin producer, school, distributor, aggregator or food hub is eligible to apply. Applicants with experience in farm to school procurement activities will receive higher consideration.

Visit datcp.wi.gov/Business/Buy_Local_Buy_Wisconsin/Technical_Assistance to complete a brief web questionnaire. If the questionnaire is accepted, full application materials will be provided. Questionnaires may be submitted between December 13, 2013 and February 15, 2014. To learn more, contact DATCP's Teresa Engel at teresa.engel@wi.gov or 608-224-5101.

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Funding and Resources Now Available for Farm Value-Added Projects

The updated National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition Value-Added Producer Grant Guide provides helpful hints to improve a producer's chances of obtaining funding from the highly competitive program and provides clear information on the program's application requirements, including a step-by-step description of the application and ranking processes. The Guide is available for free on the NSAC website: <http://sustainableagriculture.net/publications/>.

Wisconsin School Garden Initiative - Wellness Policy Briefs

helpful briefs and is the focus of this month's Wisconsin School Garden Initiative newsletter. Take a look at these fantastic resources: [Improving Health with School Wellness Policies](#) and [Incorporating School Garden Language into a School Wellness Policy](#).

The Wallace Center at Winrock International Releases Report: Innovations in Local Food Enterprise: Fresh Ideas for a Just and Profitable Food System

[Innovations in Local Food Enterprise](#) analyzes and aggregates a collection of innovative solutions to overcoming difficult food access and food equity issues with a focus on market-based consumer-driven solutions for low-income underserved communities.

Webinars, Conferences and Events

[Next EdWeb Webinar](#): Tools to Create Social Change Through Youth Farming and Gardening
Tuesday, January 7, 2014 – 4pm / Eastern Time

[The 8th Annual Wisconsin Local Food Summit](#)

January 31st and February 1st, 2014, at MATC-Downtown in Milwaukee.

Early bird registration rates are available until December 20, 2013. Don't procrastinate – register today.

[Save the Date: Health Food for All Summit: Enhancing Health & Equitable Access in Wisconsin](#)

Mark your calendars for UW-Extension's Healthy Food for All Summit on Thursday, March 27th in Neenah, Wisconsin.

[2014 National Food Hub Conference: Building Capacity for Healthy Regional Food Systems](#)

RFP, sponsorship and registration information available for the Food Hub Collaboration's



The Farm to Cafeteria Conference is April 5 - 18, 2014.

Farm to School Job Openings

[Crop Specialist / Farm Manager in Oconomowoc, WI](#)

Homegrown Farms, located at Genesee Lake School, contains 52 acres of rich organic farmland planted with a large variety of crops. The farm production is used both within the school meal program and for the staff CSA. Students are involved in all aspects of the field growing process, from planning and planting through the harvest and distribution. Homegrown Farms is currently hiring for a Crop Specialist - In House Community Supported Agriculture. Position responsibilities include developing the field layout, creating and implementing a schedule for planting, harvesting, etc., managing vegetable production, pond upkeep, and assisting with greenhouse flower production.

[National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition Internships Available](#)

NSAC is now accepting applications for Grassroots and Policy Internship positions.

Farm to School Funding Opportunities

[The Sow it Forward Garden Grants Program](#)

Grant Application Deadline: January 5, 2013

[Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation Announces 2014 Toolbox for Education Grant Program](#)

Deadline: February 14, 2014

[USDA Announces Notice of Funding Availability for Value-Added Producer Grants](#)

Grant Application Deadline: February, 24, 2014

and niche products.

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